



Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature holds special meeting to discuss separating business from government

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On September 17, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature held a special meeting to discuss separating business from government. The legislature has applied for a Federal Charter of Incorporation under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act from the Bureau of Indian Affairs t on September 28, 2012. The federal corporation has been named Twelve Clans, Inc.

Michael Murphy, Legislative Attorney, presented a power point that outlined the efforts to separate the business from the government that have been considered to date. The Johnson Strategy Group effort was an outside consultant that met with all branches of the government to access their capacities and conducted forums with employees and tribal members. This occurred from 2002 to 2006. The 2003 General Council Resolution, Resolution 10-11-031, to Separate Business from Government had the goal to increase the

nation's net revenue. Tribal members wanted to expand non-gaming enterprises and achieve goals of the 10 Year Strategic Plan. A visit to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw in 2007 inspired another effort to separate business from government. Members of the legislature meet with tribal officials, management, and counsel to see how they were organized. In 2009, the Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department considered applying for a federal charter as well. This effort led to a November 2009 legislative motion to form a workgroup to study the pros and cons of Section 17 incorporation. The Business Department hired a consultant to present options on business development and potential separation of business from government. In August 2011, the legislature visited the Mille Lacs Band's Corporate Commission to see the tribe's corporate structure. The legislature also visited the Seminole Tribe of Florida, who operates under a Section 17 federally chartered corporation, to look at their structure.

Tribes can organize under a tribal, state, or federal chartered corporation, or as a subdivision of the tribal government. Each different structure has its benefits, but a federal corporation doesn't have to pay income taxes from on or off reservation activities.

Tribal members in attendance at the special meeting had many questions. Were Legislators paid mileage and stipends for the workgroup meetings? What were the Johnson Strategy Group's findings? Other questions can be read in the minutes on page 12 of this issue of the Hockak Worak.

District II Representative, Heather Cloud, made a motion to pay for a special edition of the Hockak Worak out of the Professional Services



The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature looks to separate business from government with a Section 17 Corporation.

line item to get more information to tribal members, but that motion was defeated. District V Representative, Forrest Whiterabbit, also made a motion to seek funding for a special edition of the Hockak Worak from the Finance Committee. The Hockak Worak published an article about Legislature's work to Separate Business from Government in Issue 15, on page 10.

Mr. Dennis Funmaker thought the name Twelve Clans, Inc. was making a mockery of the twelve clan system. He asked that it wouldn't be used. The legislature held a naming contest at this year's General Council meeting, with Jean Stacy winning the contest and an iPad.

Funmaker said, "The whole thing sounds suspicious. There's a saying that some things are too good to be true. This sounds too good; making \$80,000.00 per month. I don't believe it one bit. This charter should be void, work on it some more, and be more up front. This is not happening."

District I Representative, Susan Weber, made a motion

to hold a special General Council meeting before ratification of the charter. This special General Council meeting will be held within sixty days of receipt of Bureau of Indian Affairs notification of Federal Chartered Corporation application granted.

Matt Mullen, of the General Council Agency, asked President Jon Greendeer if he was in favor of the effort. Greendeer said, "I support Twelve Clans, Inc. The Johnson Strategy Group listed the review process, profitability, and removing processes as reason why a separation would be beneficial. We have to look for the most optimal avenue. But once I learned I was on the board, I thought differently. Politics will never get separated from tribal business. I sent some folks to one of the workgroup meetings and they weren't allowed into the meeting. The workgroup should keep an open invitation for those interested in attending."

Muriel Whiteagle-Lee, also of the General Council Agency, asked District V Representative, Robert

Two Bears, why he was not in favor of the Separation of Business from Government. TwoBears said, "We all know the conspiracies of missing money. Lynwood is an example. But the state of the current economy and our advisors, who use indicators

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Former Chairman of Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii passes on

U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii passed away, Monday December 17, 2012, at the age of 88, with his wife and son by his side at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, DC. A World War II combat veteran, Inouye served the second-longest term of any U.S. senator in history, representing the great State of Hawaii since its statehood in 1959. Inouye was a prominent member and leader of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, serving as its chairman for ten years during two different periods. He passed away from respiratory complications.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) released a statement following the loss of a great friend and warrior for the rights of all people, including Indigenous peoples and tribal nations: "Senator Inouye was one

of the most honorable and courageous men modern Indian Country has known. He was a distinguished warrior, and he served his country and people with dignity and a strong sense of advocacy. As a member and chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs he championed the rights of Native peoples, and we will always remember him for holding the line on numerous issues critical to cultural protection and tribal sovereignty. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. This country has lost a true patriot and statesman.

In the words of our Native Hawaiian brothers and sisters we say Mahalo nui loa for his service and commitment and will forever remember this son of Hawaii as a great leader."

Inouye's outstanding

commitment to Indian affairs was demonstrated by his long service on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, serving as the Chairman from 1987 - 1995, the Vice-Chairman from 1995 - 1997, and again as Chairman from 2001 - 2003. He was slated to continue his role as a committee member in the 113th Congress.

Throughout his incredible tenure, Inouye worked closely with NCAI and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes as he advocated for tribal sovereignty, tribal colleges and universities, and housing and community development, among many other issues. He also supported the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and was later able to secure

funding for Native Hawaiians to purchase property as a part of the Home Lands effort. Senator Inouye was honored by NCAI in 1999 with the

NCAI Leadership Award for his service to Indian Country.

The official statement released by Inouye's office describes his long history of military service:

"Senator Inouye began his career in public service at the age of 17 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after Imperial Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He served with 'E' company of the 442 Regimental Combat Team, a group consisting entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Senator Inouye lost his arm charging a series of

machine gun nests on a hill in San Terenzo, Italy on April 21, 1945. His actions during that battle earned him the Medal of Honor."

Inouye, a second-generation Japanese-American, was a true son of Hawaii who created a national legacy of leadership. His role as the first Japanese-American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, and later the first in the U.S. Senate, blazed a trail for the record number of Asian Americans now serving in Congress. Fourteen total members were set to make up the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus in 2013, with five new Asian American and Pacific Islander leaders elected to serve in the 113th United States Congress - the largest caucus of Asian American and Pacific Islander Members in any single congressional session.



Extreme [Life] Makeover: Reservation Edition

Hello Everyone,

As some of you know I recently moved from Kansas City to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. For some of you this is the first time you are hearing about the move. Many of you may be asking why I made such a change and it is for the same reason most of us take big leaps - I had to follow my heart and do what I believed would make me happy.

I am very happy to let everyone know that this decision has been one of the best I have made! After my partner, Alicia, finished her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and her internship at KU Medical Center was complete I felt that it would be best to start exploring career opportunities in South Dakota, preferably on Pine Ridge, so that I could move to her home with her. Any of you that are familiar with Pine Ridge may be thinking that I probably had little hope when I started exploring job opportunities. I have to be

honest I thought I would end up working for the BIA land office here or some similar path (not that there's anything wrong with that). That is not what happened.

I count myself as a very blessed person. As some of you know I took a position with Red Cloud Indian School ("Red Cloud") as the Director of Economic Development. Red Cloud is a Jesuit K-12 educational institution that has been on Pine Ridge for approximately 125 years and has a history of excellent service here.

I love my work!! I can say just based on the four short months that I have been working in my current position that I now understand what the phrase find something you love and you will never work a day in your life means. Don't get me wrong, my time at SNR Denton was amazing. I learned so many great skills from so many amazing lawyers. I was fortunate enough to have the

mentorship and guidance of great attorneys and great people, including Steve McSloy and Jessica Norris. I had the privilege of practicing in what I consider to be the best Indian Law practice group in the country. Needless to say the decision to leave that was heart-wrenching.

The work I am doing here feels so important. I am currently developing a business curriculum at the middle school and high school levels at Red Cloud. This involves great projects like helping the middle school student council conceptualize and implement a business plan for a school store that will sell Red Cloud products, such as t-shirts and keychains. My heart was filled with warmth and joy when the student council indicated that their top choice for how to spend the profits from the store was charity. This is one of the poorest places in America and the first thing the kids wanted to do was find a way to donate money to charity. Few moments in my life have had such a profound effect on me. I was overwhelmed and so proud to be in the same room with the kids and be part of their learning experience.

Also, I am working to create an incubator that will offer a place for budding entrepreneurs the opportunity turn their business ideas into a reality by offering education and support. Finally, I am working with a group to form



a for-profit company that will invest in businesses both on and off the Reservation that will help provide jobs to alumni of Red Cloud as well as the greater Pine Ridge community.

I realize this email is rather long. I could spend hours talking about all the amazing things I see going on out here but I know you are all busy. I will leave you with a couple of quick notes - they will be worth the read.

- Yes, I live in a FEMA Trailer, it is probably a Katrina trailer. I can guarantee everyone that I never thought I would say this ... but I am super-excited about the home Alicia and I have made of our FEMA trailer. So much so we had a FEMA Trailer Warming Party. It may have been the social event of the year here on the Rez. The housing shortage out here is so serious - we lucked out finding our place!

- Please if you have the time check out what is going on at Red Cloud on the website. Below is the link. If you have not yet made enough donations this year, you still have a couple of weeks. Red Cloud surely is a worthy cause. Also, if you would like you can indicate in the comments section that you want to support the Economic Development Fund that's fine too :-). Though everything the school does is worthy of funding. www.redcloudschool.org

Thank you to everyone who helped me make this decision and to everyone who read all the way through my email. I appreciate your time, friendship and camaraderie in the past, present and future. I would love to get updates on what everyone is up to!! Please email me and let me know how you are doing.

Warmest Regards,
Sharice Davids

Special meeting

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like home sales and employment, lead me to vote against it. Factors like transparency, enterprises, and people aren't favorable. There's uncertainty with federal subsidies and having a certified business plan."

With the recent trial of Pettibone, Whiteagle, and Atherton, tribal members are watchful and cautious of "new" and revenue generating options. President Greendeer said, "Tribal dollars equals scrutiny. We've invested and things went under. Tribal dollars decreased. People don't want another bad investment, they want a guarantee. The General Council wanted separation and they also wanted a Law Enforcement center. We've been paying for an additional gaming site for twenty years of our gaming compact." These are some of the investment the president and the legislature has to consider.

According to a BIA handbook, titled Tribal Business Structure Handbook, they main arguments are taxes paid versus financial risks when deciding how to form tribal business structures. The handbook says the Section 17 Corporations were created by U.S. Congress to help tribes compete in the private business world and to not impede tribes economic growth. Section 17 corporations preserve the integrity of decision making process by separating business decisions. The corporation would be free from paying federal income taxes from on and off reservation activities of the tribal corporations. The Section 17 corporations would protect tribes' sovereign immunity. The main separation is segregation of business and government assets and liabilities.

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The Prophecy of the Condor and the Eagle

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

Nearly every culture known to man prophesies that in the late 1990's we will enter a period of remarkable transition. At monasteries in the Himalayas, ceremonial sites in Indonesia, and indigenous reservations in North America, from the depths of the Amazon to the peaks of the Andes, and into the ancient Mayan cities of Central America, ours is a special moment in human history, and that each of us was born at this time because we have a mission to accomplish.

On December 21 of this year a fire ceremony was held at the residence of Preston Thompson near Wisconsin Dells.

Tata Pedro, Mayan spiritual leader, held a similar ceremony at Devils Lake this past fall that Mr. Thompson attended. It was during this meeting that Preston was asked what his Indian name

was and what it translated to. He told them that his name was cax huuk, (Eagle King). When they found out what his name was, a woman approached him and told him that he was the "one." Preston was confused at this remark and was told by this unnamed woman that when she was in Chile at a work shop she was at the airport when someone approached her and gave her a bundle and was told to "give this to the Eagle King." There was no explanation and she requested none.

The lady did not know what this meant till she met Preston that day.

During this conversation with this lady, Preston said that he was instructed to hold this ceremony on the 21st day of December of this year. And so it took place.

There were about 40 people that attended this 2 hour ceremony on this cold but sunny day.

Preston, with the help of Richie Brown and Andy



About 40 people gather at the Thompson home for this ceremony.

Thundercloud, opened his home to host this gathering. Preston admits that he was kind of thrown into this and only knew what he was instructed to do.

With the help of one of Tata Pedro's understudies, Kathy Shea, the gathering was a time for healing and understanding.

The titles and the words of the prophecies may differ a little but they tell variously of a New Age, the Third Millennium, the Age of Aquarius, the Beginning of the Fifth Sun, or the end of old calendars and the commencement of new ones. Despite the varying terminologies, however, they have a great deal in common, and "The Prophecy of the Condor and Eagle" is typical.

It states that back in the mists of history, human societies divided and took different paths: that of the condor (representing the heart, intuitive and mystical) and that of the eagle (representing the brain, rational and material).

In the 1490's, the prophesy said, the two paths would converge and the eagle would drive the condor to the verge of extinction. Then, five hundred years later, in the 1990's a new epoch would begin, one in which the condor and the eagle will have the opportunity to reunite and



Andy Thundercloud steps in to help with the fire ceremony.

fly together in the same sky, along the same path. If the condor and eagle accept this opportunity, they will create a most remarkable offspring, unlike any seen before.

The standard interpretation is that it foretells the sharing of indigenous knowledge with the technologies of science, the balancing of yin and yang, and the bridging of northern and southern cultures.

However, most powerful is the message it offers about consciousness; it says that

we have entered a time when we can benefit from the many diverse ways of seeing ourselves and the world, and that we can use these as a springboard to higher levels of awareness. As human beings we can truly wake up and evolve into a more conscious species.

The dawning age of intuition and spirit.

From *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* (page 209) by John Perkins:



Preston speaks to the gathering.



Preston with the help of Kathy Shea lead the group.

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There are no words for goodbye

Submitted by Kandi Ryan and Allie Isaacson
Sandi Tetzlaff, Registered Nurse, came to Community

Health Nursing on September 14th, 2009. She has cared for the Ho-Chunk elders in the Wisconsin Dells area for the

past three years. Sandi came from a Home Health Nursing background and brought a wealth of knowledge with her. She worked as a registered nurse for approximately 42 years; we feel blessed to have had her here with us for three of those years. We learned much from Sandi and will be forever grateful to her for all that she has contributed to Community Health Nursing and to the Ho-Chunk Nation. Sandi Tetzlaff, RN retired on December 28th, 2012. There are no words for goodbye in the Native language, so, "Sandi, we'll see you around."

Sandi would like to thank everyone for welcoming her into their homes and hearts. She will never forget them.



Kandi Ryan and Sandi say goodbye to Ho-Chunk elders.



Paul Cloud and Kandi Ryan present a Pendleton blanket to Sandi Tetzlaff.

New Year Resolutions: Yeah or Nay?

Submitted by Tara Ringler, Nutritionist

The time for New Year's Resolutions has once again arrived. Whether you are for or against these, the following nutrition tips can help make 2013 a healthy one! If weight loss, increased energy, improved mood or reducing your risk for disease or illness is something you desire, read on...

Make changes slowly

- For long-term success, it is best to only make one or two small changes at a time
- Once you are comfortable with one change, add another one

- Small changes can have a BIG impact on your health!

- Having 100 calories more than you need, every day, leads to a weight gain of 10 pounds a year

100 Calories is:

- 5 Potato Chips
- ½ cup of regular soda
- ½ of a regular size candy bar
- 6 Tablespoons of ice cream
- The difference between a medium and large order of French Fries

Don't skip meals

- Being overly hungry can lead to poor choices and overeating
- Skipping meals slows down your metabolism

- Planning ahead so that you have snacks and meals ready to grab and go can help with this

Slow down while you eat

- It takes approximately 15 minutes for your brain to realize how full your stomach is

- Eating slower lets you enjoy your food more which can help reduce how much you eat

Stay hydrated

- Water is essential for the body to function properly
- The signs of dehydration can be mistaken as being hungry
- If you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated



- Water is best (try a splash of lemon/lime for flavor)
- Diet soda, unsweetened/ artificially sweetened tea or coffee, low-fat/fat-free milk or low-sugar/calorie flavored water are better choices versus sugary drinks

Get enough sleep

- Skimping on sleep can increase cravings for food/drinks high in calories and

unhealthy fats

Dine out healthier

- Be the first to order to avoid being tempted by the choices of others
- Share entrees or desserts with others
- Box part of food up right away to avoid overeating

Have more fiber

- Fruit, vegetables and whole grains are great forms of fiber
- These are very filling nutrient powerhouses!
- Look for "whole" as the first ingredient listed

Enjoying exercise in the winter Yes you can!

Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist

It is a common question when winter rolls around... what will I do to keep in shape? The good news is that there is plenty to do in the wintertime, so don't let the season get you down. Instead, take action and stay active! Below are some indoor and outdoor ideas to stay fit.

If you haven't tried outdoor activity in the winter now is the time to try. A couple of options are snowshoeing, cross country skiing and plain old walking and running. If you are going to exercise outdoors, it is important that you are prepared so you don't get too cold or too hot. Dressing properly for winter includes wearing layers that you can take off as you get warm and wearing clothes that "wick" moisture from your body. Wicking refers to technical fabrics that move sweat away from the skin to the outer surface of the fabric where it evaporates. This stops moisture from staying

on your skin and decreases your chance of hypothermia.

Usually for the top half of your body three layers are recommended. Layer one is the wicking shirt (absolutely don't use cotton for this layer), layer two is some kind of fleece shirt and layer three is a light waterproof and windproof jacket. Layer three commonly comes off and you can tie it around your waist. For your head I would recommend two layers. Layer one is something that covers your whole head, ears and neck and something you could pull up over your mouth and nose if needed. Layer two is simply another hat that goes over that. For your lower half two layers are recommended. Layer one would be some sort of form fitting pants or tights and layer two would be snowpants or light pants that snow does not stick to. For gloves, mittens and wicking liners seem to be the best. For socks, wool blends are best. And for your boots or shoes, waterproof helps

quite a bit. In addition, I highly recommend investing in Yak Trax Pro. These are like rubber bands with metal grips that fit over your shoes and give you traction in the winter. They work very well and can help prevent slips and falls in the winter time.

Maybe outdoor activity is just not your thing. Luckily, there are all sorts of indoor activities that you can do. You may want to consider a short term membership at a gym for the winter time. Many gyms offer specials in the winter and long term contracts are not necessary. Many schools or malls have walking programs that are either no cost or little cost to use. In Black River Falls for example, we have the Lunda Center walking track that people in the community can use for free. Other indoor options include attending group exercise classes or using exercise DVDs. Have you ever thought of starting an exercise club with your friends? You could invest



in several DVDs and switch around where you exercise.

Why is it so important to stay active in the winter? Well for those with diabetes, blood sugar starts to rise within two days of no activity. The average weight gain over the holidays is 5 pounds and unfortunately many don't ever lose this and keep adding to it every year. Exercise can help lift your spirits if you suffer from SAD (seasonal affective disorder) which is a type of depression common in the Northern part of the United

States in the winter months.

Getting fit and staying fit requires a year round commitment to regular exercise. Don't let winter get you down and stop you in its tracks. You can stay active and you can stay healthy – the choice is yours. Talk to one of your Exercise Physiologists either at the Ho-Chunk Healthcare Clinic or House of Wellness if you have more questions about exercising in the cold weather. Don't let winter beat you, join it!

Education Department hosts Youth Career & Family Resource Expo

Submitted by
Jordan Kappen

The Ho-Chunk Education Department played host for youth and parents at the Youth Career and Family Resource Expo on Saturday, December 1st. This was the first event held like this at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls. Youngsters had an opportunity to learn in an interactive environment about college and career opportunities; while adults were educated about the services offered for children by the Education and Social Services Departments. Most of the participants came from Black River Falls, or traveled from Tomah, Wisconsin Dells,

careers. Each speaker had a unique set of experiences and wisdom to share with the youth. After arriving the participants received a goodie bag, which was enough to get them excited for the event, and then at the end they had a chance to win other prizes from gas cards for the adults, to Kindle Fire's for the youth. The students received a card to sign up for the career workshops of their interest, and they did not get a prize until they experienced all the stations that were selected on the card. However, as most participants discovered, the true prize was experiencing all the Expo had to offer.

The idea was to stimulate

DNR jobs, and robotic activities. The workshops were led by staff and students from UW-La Crosse, Chippewa Valley Technical College, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Stout, Madison Technical College, Marquette University, Viterbo University, UW-Stevens Point, and University of Wisconsin Extension/4-H Development. Each workstation was meant for students to learn about the educational path needed to pursue a specific career area, along with hands-on activities related to a career. Among the programs that were in attendance to lead the adult workshops were Title VII, Youth Enrichment Program, Johnson O'Malley, Higher Education, and Children and Family Resources. Adults participated by listening to presentations, interacting in real life scenarios when the services could be used, and joining in during question and answer sessions.

Some students took the message of the event home with them as they were able to explore what career they would like to pursue, figure out how they can start on their own journey, and talk to established professionals in certain careers. Of course all of this could change in these kids' interests, but it is a foundation for some youth to begin with and also a motivational factor. Students can read and gather as much information on college and career opportunities as they want, but when they hear the message firsthand from professionals and college students; there is a stronger message behind it. The representatives from the



Two students working together at the Chippewa Valley Technical College Dental Program workstation.



Youth getting ready to try their hand at CSI work while visiting the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh workstation.

and Wittenberg. Thanks to the support from the Youth and Learning Centers, staff from those areas bussed students in the grades of 3rd-12th to the event.

The event consisted of speakers, lunch, interactive college and career workshops for youth, family resource workshops for adults, and closed with prizes. The speakers offered a range of different disciplines and

the student's interest and excitement about their futures in education and to enlighten parents about services they may not have known about. Students were able to try their hand at performing athletic training duties, police responsibilities, criminal investigation work, managing a restaurant, veterinary functions, owning a business, designing clothing, dental tasks, nursing roles,



A young girl studying careers at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources workstation.

colleges served as role models for the youth and offered a great base for the message taken from this day.

After seeing the impact on the students, the Education Department would like to see an increased commitment

to educational opportunities given to youth. To learn more about the resources offered for pursuing postsecondary education, visit our website at www.ho-chunknation.com/highered.

Social Services holds Ugly Sweater Contest

Ken Luchterhand, Staff Writer

To add a little cheer to the holidays, staff at Ho-Chunk Social Services held an ugly sweater contest. The top award was chosen by co-workers who deemed the apparel to be the most unsightly. The vote, by acclamation, decided that Mary Wegman had the ugliest sweater in the department.



Mary Wegman adds a few ornaments, including antlers, to her version of an ugly sweater. Her sweater was voted by staff as ugliest.



Angela Smith from Social Services displays her version of an ugly sweater.



Contestants for the Ho-Chunk Social Services Ugly Sweater Contest are (from left) Lisa Lockemy, Kristin Narva, Dawn Brandt, and Chris Estebo

Lydia Cloud chooses hockey as her college goal

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Since the age of 5, Lydia Cloud has been playing hockey and loving it.

She's a senior in high school, still playing hockey, and she plans to continue her passion on skates into college.

Her dedication to the game has prompted college scouts to take notice of her skills on the ice.

"The coach from Marion College in Fond du Lac called me," she said. After that conversation and a little introspection, Lydia decided to attend the college next fall.

She is so anxious about the opportunity to play hockey on a higher level, she has decided to graduate early from Black River Falls High School, on January 25, so that she can improve her athletic abilities. She plans to move to Salt Lake City and live with her sister so that she can attend hockey and softball training programs.

"My softball coach is upset that I won't be around this summer," she said. Also, her hockey coach teammates coach probably will be missing her, since she will be missing the last five games.

Her interest in hockey began at an early age.

"I was 5 when strapped on my skates for the first time," she said. "I liked it a lot. But I didn't know how to stop, so I would run into the sideboard."

Lydia attributes her uncle, Tracy Thundercloud, for persuading her to become involved with hockey.

When she was able to join the Youth Hockey program, she quickly advanced to the AAA teams, which would have to try-out for, then play other equally-ranked teams throughout Wisconsin, and even the Twin Cities and Chicago. Their team played in four tournaments each year, with six games in each, for a total of about 25-30 games per year.

"My driving force was my mom (Shelley Thundercloud)," she said.

The girls' high school team started when she was a sophomore.

"I was pretty excited," she said.

This is the third year for the Black River Falls-Tomah girls' co-op hockey team, and they continue to improve each year, with head coach Steve Mickelson. There are 20 players on the team, which has increased in number each year.

Lydia started this year's hockey season as the team's leader of 29 goals, along with 17 assists last season. She plays center, which means she can travel the length of the ice, while guards and forwards have to stay on their sides on the blue lines.

"I get exhausted at times, but it's good conditioning," she said.

To be a good hockey player, Lydia said, a player must be good on skates, have good stick-handling skills, have good vision to see who is in what position, and to be talkative, letting teammates know about any opportunities with the puck.

"Most of all, you have to be tough," she said. "They say no fighting in girls' hockey, but sometimes someone will throw a punch. It can get out of hand."

The rules are a little different for girls' hockey, meant to protect players from injury.

"You can't check at all," she said. "But that doesn't mean it doesn't happen. When it does, the player will get a two-minute penalty."

Also, on occasion she has witnessed players taking whacks at other players with their hockey sticks. But one thing that is common throughout is trash talking,



Lydia feels at home on the ice. As center for the Black River Falls – Tomah Co-op Girls Hockey Team, Lydia is the team leader in goals.

where players will try to intimidate opposing players' heads.

She's excited to be playing college hockey next school year and she knows many of the players in the same division.

"I have a lot of friends in Division 3 hockey. They're now playing for colleges like UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stevens Point and Lakeland College," Lydia said.

But hockey is not her only talent. She also plays pretty good on the softball field, being named Most Valuable Player (MVP) on her softball team. She also was MVP in volleyball and was one of the top seven runners for cross-country.

"I like hockey a little more," she said. Her ultimate goal is to play for Team USA in the Winter Olympics.

To improve her skills, she practiced all last summer

in her basement, shooting numerous pucks into an improvised goal.

"I was there all day. Now, when I got on the ice, I was much better and more motivated," she said.

Last year, she was sixth in the state in points. As a sophomore, she was ranked 34th. Throughout her years of hockey competition, she figures she has scored close to 100 goals.

At Marion College, her course of study will be in the field of athletics, such as physical therapist, sports medicine or athletic trainer for a team.

"I like the skating part. When I get tired, I can coast. I like how the puck moves – easy and sometimes fast – it's like air hockey, just skimming the surface," she said. "I like that it's fast-paced and I enjoy the scoring. I like hitting, too. That's fun."



Lydia Cloud excels in many sports. One of her passions, besides hockey, is softball. Lydia was recruited by Marian University and will be playing hockey and softball at the college.

Ho-Chunk Wrestlers in Wisconsin Dells

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, December 13th, teams from Reedsburg and Wisconsin Dells met in a match at the Dells High School.

The teams featured several

tribal members. For the Wisconsin Dells squad there were two sons of Elijah Leonard Sr., 9 year old Elijah (Bear) Leonard Jr, 6 year old Elias and daughter 7 year old Elicia. Elijah (Bear) held his own and performed well



Elijah Leonard Jr.



Everett Menore and Langston Brown.

to a draw in his match with his Reedsburg opponent. His siblings did not participate in the evenings contests because they had no opponents to face.

Their cousins, 10 year old Taylor Houghton Jr. and 8 year old sister, Tayla, also on the Dells team won by forfeit.

Wrestling for the Reedsburg squad is champion Langston Brown, son of Charles and Simone Brown.

Langston has made a name for himself in the past few years as a champion and even making it to the Nationals in recent years.

Terrance Johnson's son Larry wrestles for the Dells varsity team and he came away with a win.

James Menore's son Everett, who represents the Dells in the heavyweight division, did good but eventually lost a close match.

Social Services staff delivers Christmas cheer through Hocak Woga

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Many children who are clients of Social Services got a little lift this Christmas, thanks to Hocak Woga.

Hocak Woga, formerly known as Project Christmas, is a program developed by Ho-Chunk Social Services which delivers Christmas presents to needy children who have some connection with Ho-Chunk Social Services, such as Child Protection, Independent Living and Juvenile Justice.

This year, 163 children received presents from the Hocak Woga program, which is about the same number of children as last year, said Jacqueline Moen-Kadlec, organizer of this year's program.

Wrapping each present would be a monumental task, so the group decided to

use gift bags instead. Along with each gift is a signed Christmas card, she said. The presents are personally delivered by Social Services staff to the children the week before Christmas.

"It's a team effort," Moen-Kadlec said. "All the Social Services Child and Family Services staff from the House of Wellness and in Black River Falls has helped with the effort."

To pay for the presents, the program depends on fund-raisers, sponsors and donations. Sponsors for the children are able to choose a gift tag and purchase a gift up to \$25 in value per child.

"The response has been awesome," Moen-Kadlec said. "The Casino has been providing stocking stuffers, such as activity books, crayons, and coloring books. Everyone has been very

generous."

Donations have come from a variety of sources. They have held "Soup Day" fundraisers, a rummage tent sale, a bake sale, a dunk tank, a painting raffle, along with groups and individuals making donations.

"One year we distributed food, which was mostly canned goods. But we did have about 30 turkeys," she said. "It was a little difficult and came down to a space and time issue."

In previous years, all the proceeds from a boxing match in Wisconsin Dells was donated one year to the program, along with Ho-Chunk Social Services Social Worker Lisa Bargender donating her hair to "Locks of Love," along with donations for her efforts. Several years ago, Education Department employee Jeff McDonald



Displaying some of the presents for Hocak Woga are Social Services staff (from left) Anne Burns, Sara Rosa, and Lori Stellflue.

raised money by having his head shaven for the cause. "One employee had all the family members donate money instead of buying Christmas presents for each other," Moen-Kadlec said. All these efforts are to

ensure children, who might not otherwise receive presents, have an enjoyable holiday season.

"It's a big job, but hopefully all the kids like it," she said. "And we have fun, too."

Elders enjoy TAU Christmas



Ruby Garvin receives special delivery from Santa Claus, along with a few wishes of happiness for the holiday season.



Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The Tribal Aging Unit in Black River Falls held a Christmas party for its elders on Friday, December 14, at the TAU Building.

Games were played, including Bingo, followed by a meal and then a visit from Santa Claus. Santa gave each person a present and a special sampling of his warmth and kindness.



Norma Greengrass enjoys a sincere hug from Santa Claus while receiving her present.



Fran Decorah has a few things to tell Santa as she receives her present from the jolly man.

Serena Yellow Thunder offers her gratitude for all Santa's efforts of spreading joy throughout the world.



Gale White and Santa share a few tips on how to keep the Christmas season bright.



Dorothy Decorah (left) opens her present to find a beautiful blanket while Ida Ermenc watches.

2012 Year in Review

January

Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary installs a drug treatment court

Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary installs a drug treatment court. The Healing to Wellness Court is the Ho-Chunk Nations newly installed Drug Treatment Court, which is designed to treat participants for alcohol and drug abuse instead of jail and/or prison sentences for non-violent crimes. According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, Drug Treatment Court first appeared in 1989 at Kings County New York. DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson said, "Drug Treatment Alternative to prison program demonstrates the tremendous success we can have helping addicts heal and in reducing the demand for drugs in this country, under a system of accountability and compassion, this program is rebuilding lives and families and strengthening New York's community."

Forestry Management Plan Act

The Ho-Chunk Nation will soon have its first Forest Management Plan, which is required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for all trust land. The Ho-Chunk Nation is one of the last Wisconsin tribes to implement a Forestry Plan.

A written description of the plan ensures that forest management is environmentally sensitive, sustainable and economically viable. Without a Forest Management Plan in place, only six activities are allowed on trust land: preparation of a forest management plan, emergency sale of timber on allotted land, free use cutting without permits, fire management measures, trespass protection and prosecution and insect and disease control.

February

Ho-Chunk Nation presents first Police vehicle

The Nations first police vehicle was debuted at Ho-chunk Gaming, Nekoosa on February 2, 2012 during the Law Enforcement Commission quarterly meeting. If you live in Jackson County keep your eye open for the Ken Lewis design car, one of the two we will soon have in service. Lewis, who is the Nation's Business Department Graphic Designer with the help of local body shop, Joes Auto Body, have put together a very nice design that represents the Nation and Police force well.



Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department unveils two Police Vehicles designed by Ken Lewis; painted by Joe's Auto Body.

Gene Cloud added to missing persons list in Wisconsin

On Wednesday January 25, 2012 Gene Cloud drove his girlfriend's car towards Warrens Wisconsin. The roads were icy and covered in snow. Gene noticed a squad car and at around 7 a.m. the police officer who had been following him ran the plates after it noticed some swerving on the road. Gene soon lost control and skidded into the ditch. "The Deputy stopped to help him" said Chief Deputy Mark Moen of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.



When the deputy asked for identification Gene fled from the scene and ran into the woods. Sheriff's Department officials did not know who Gene was until January 26, 2012. All the department had to go on was the car that was registered to Gene's girlfriend's sister. After making contact with the owner of the car they soon suspected that Cloud was indeed the driver who fled that morning. There was no clear reason why he fled the scene and no reason given why the Deputy did not pursue Cloud on foot.

March

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature takes two steps forward to Beloit Casino

On March 20, 2012, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature held a regular meeting at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls. Two items added to the agenda involved the much talked about Beloit Casino. The first line of business was a motion to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Beloit and Rock County. The second was a motion to put the Beloit property into trust status. These two motions were two steps forward to a future casino located in Beloit, WI.

April

Vietnam Veterans Day

The Ho-Chunk Nation recognizes March 29, 1973 as the day American armed forces officially withdrew all combat forces from the Republic of Vietnam. Therefore ending U.S. military involvement in what has been perceived as a highly controversial conflict that is also recorded as the longest war in United States history.

Whereas: Over 8 million veterans served during the Vietnam era and were not afforded the respect and gratitude they deserved for serving this great country. Let us not forget the 58,195 brave warriors who died defending freedom, the 153,303 brave warriors wounded in action, the 1,948 brave warriors who are recorded as Missing in Action and the 766 brave warriors who were taken as Prisoners of War.

Ho-Chunk Elder celebrates 90th birthday in style

Submitted by Thomas S. Tourtillott, freelance writer. Friends, relatives, and two invited drum groups came together at the Ho-Chunk Nation's Area I community building in Black River Falls, WI; to help make Ho-Chunk elder, Annabelle Lowe's, ninetieth birthday celebration an occasion to remember.

In a gymnasium that was packed to capacity, Parmenton Decorah officiated as Master of Ceremonies. Troy Swallow offered a prayer of thanksgiving over the birthday meal. Marty Little Wolf took the podium as the after-dinner speaker. Birthday celebrity, Annabelle, followed that impromptu speech with a few words of her own. Shortly thereafter a photo opportunity ensued.

Ho-Chunk Nation Swears in New Gaming Commissioner

Submitted by Michelle Ramberg, Public Relations Specialist. Vice President Greg Blackdeer served as the master of ceremony for the swearing in of the newest Gaming Commissioner Mr. Joseph E. Decorah in the atrium at the tribal office building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Honorable Jo Deen Lowe swore Joseph into office.

The opening prayer was offered by Gordon Thunder and Andrew Black- hawk Post #129 assisted the ceremony with posting the colors.

May

Boisen gets appointed to BRF School Board

Tina Boisen was recently appointed to the Black River Falls School Board. A feat that hasn't been matched since Barbara McKenzie served from 2003-2006. She won the necessary four votes needed to secure the position of Board Member. She takes over for Lois Corey who decided to resign midway through her term. This gives the Nation a better voice on a School Board with a high American Indian/Ho-Chunk school population.

Special Meeting to address four year degree requirement

On April 30, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature called a Special Meeting to hold discussion of the Special Election Board Appointment in the Legislative Conference Room of the Tribal Executive Office Building. The Secretarial Election will include the Resolution to rescind the four year degree requirement Amendment from 2009.

There appears to be miscommunication between the Regional BIA Office, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, Office of the President, and the General Council Agency. The General Council Agency was working with the BIA to move things forward to set a Secretarial Election date. "The Regional BIA Office sent an official letter, via FedEx, from its Ashland, Wisconsin office to the General Council Agency," said GCA Chair, Marvin Decorah.

UW-Platteville player, Tim Decorah Inducted to Hall of Fame

Submitted by Danny Kambel, UW-Platteville Sports Information Director. The 1990-91 University of Wisconsin-Platteville men's basketball team, which was the first Pioneer team to win an NCAA Division III national championship, was the first squad to be inducted in its entirety into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame on Sunday.

One of the team members is Tim Decorah, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

June

Beloit casino project is moving ahead

In May, the legislators approved entering into a contract with an environmental consultant to assist in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is required as part of the process to gain approval of placing the casino site into trust land status. The consultant will be working with BIA regional office and the Nation over the next 18 months to draft the EIS. Some of the studies included in the EIS are traffic, water runoff, socioeconomic, noise, and archeological; along with public hearings and comment taking/ responding. The process to place the Beloit casino site into trust is anticipated to take two years and the EIS is a big part of that process. Once the BIA regional office has approved the application for trust land it will move onto Washington D.C. BIA for their review and approval and to the Wisconsin Governor for signature.

Tom Jones achieves tenure at UW Madison Art Department

Tom Jones, photographer, has reached an academic milestone achieving tenure at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Seven years ago Tom Jones began as a lecturer teaching photography within the Art Department. He has taught there ever since 2006 as an Assistant Professor within the graphics faculty. During that same time, he also developed a professional career with numerous exhibits and works displayed at various venues around the U.S. with some international exhibits in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Canada, and Italy.



Ho-Chunk tribal member, Tom Jones, photographer and faculty member at UW-Madison receives tenure.

Children Learning Village to grow into Montessori

July 1 is the target opening day for the Children's Learning Village Montessori, across the street from the Ho-Chunk Health Care Clinic in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. At the Founding Meeting held on June 6, meeting attendees were introduced to the newly installed director, Lee Ann Mortenson, who comes with twenty-five years of experience. Mortenson said, "I have experience in both family and group day care setting, which has given me many learning opportunities that I feel will provide a lot of ideas and information needed to help get everything in place at CLVM."

Legislature eviscerates the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council's Authority

Submitted by GCA Attorney John Swimmer

GCA appointed a Federal Election Board consisting of members of General Council Agency, the Legislature, and Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board. But the President along with six Legislators filed an objection and requested that the Legislature appoint a separate Election Board. The BIA rejected GCA's appointed Board and accepted the Legislature's Federal Election Board.

In protest the two General Council Agency members on the Federal Election Board Marvin Decorah, Sr. and Muriel Whiteagle-Lee resigned.

August

Jury finds Tim Whiteagle guilty on all 12 counts of indictment

On August 1, Tim Whiteagle, a Ho-Chunk tribal member and accused "covert lobbyist", was found guilty of all 12 charges brought against him in the 14 count indictment brought against Whiteagle, Atherton, and Pettibone by the U.S.A in the Western Wisconsin District. Whiteagle could face up to 106 years in prison.

Family Wellness Retreat emphasizes making lifestyle changes

When it comes to changing our lifestyle, it's not easy. But sometimes it's necessary for our own health.

That is the message given by Dr. Alton "Sonny" Smart, who was keynote speaker for the 9th annual Family Wellness Retreat at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center.

Ho-Chunk tribal member holds press conference to share story of being kidnapped



Lozano was kidnapped by gunpoint for six hours, but used her training to keep her capturers and herself calm.

On July 25, Ho-Chunk tribal member, Deb Lozano, told her story of being kidnapped by two Black River

Correctional Camp walk-away inmates. Lozano was forced at gunpoint back into her vehicle, and held for about six hours.

Dejope Hall opens on the University of Wisconsin

Dejope Hall is the newest coed residential hall on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison, Wisconsin. Dejope Hall is located on the shore of Lake Mendota on the western side of campus near Phillips and Bradley Halls, and can house 408 residents. The hall features an outdoor fireplace, replica mounds, a green space roof, artworks, and the Four Lakes Market.

Children's Learning Village now open for children

The new Children's Learning Village – Montessori Academy is open for business.

In fact, enrollment at the center is growing by leaps and bounds.

Ho-Chunk Nation unveils new Mobile Health Clinic

The Nation marks a huge leap in the direction of bringing medical help to the people by unveiling the much anticipated 39 foot mobile health unit on wheels. This state of the art RV was designed with the tribal membership's needs in mind and, is a fully functional clinic that will offer comprehensive pediatric care and dental screening from two exam rooms built into this unit.



September

Wittenberg member challenges Secretarial Election

A Ho-Chunk member has formally challenged the recent Secretarial Election, the first challenge to such elections in the history of the Ho-Chunk Nation. In a written statement dated Aug. 17, Gloria Visintin of Wittenberg challenges the Aug. 14 election, stating that incorrect procedures deem the elections invalid.



With the new park additions, Marquardt and Martin have seen an increase in the park's usage. Also, people tend to take better care of the facility since the upgrade.

Wilson Lake Park receives updated facilities

A Shawano county park is looking a lot nicer these days. With the funds provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation, a new solar-powered shelter was constructed and new playground equipment provided at Wilson Lake near Wittenberg.

Amanda Rockman to serve third term as tribal judge

On Friday, August 31, 2012, Amanda Rockman was sworn in as the Associate Judge of the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Courts. Rockman will serve a third three year term.

Ho-Chunk Nation General Council nearly addresses full agenda

The Ho-Chunk Nation General Council held its annual meeting for 2012 on September 22 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer called for the meeting in October 2011. Quorum was set at 1070.



Gerald Cleveland Sr. serves as the Chairman of the General Council meeting. Iris Cleveland serves as recording secretary.

Recycling old documents is paying off

The Ho-Chunk Nation Records Management Department shreds and recycles a few thousand pounds of paper. The Department was taking the shredded paper to be recycled at the Jackson County Recycling facility in Black River Falls, and in fact, accounted for 98% of the County's recycled paper. That is, until Records Manager, Denise Redbird, got the idea to sell the paper directly to a recycling facility.

Ho-Chunk representatives attend Republican and Democratic conventions

District 5 Rep. Robert TwoBears, District 1 Rep. Susan Weber and District 2 Rep. John Holst went to the Aug. 27-30 Republican National Convention at the Tampa Bay Times Forum in Tampa, Fla., and the Democratic National Convention at the Time Warner Cable Arena on Sept. 4 to 6 in Charlotte, N.C.

Ho-Chunk Nation T.E.R.O. partners with Terrace Homes

The Sand Pillow community is growing with the addition of two two-bedroom duplexes. The building is nearly finished and located next to the softball fields. Terrace Homes, of Friendship, Wisconsin, got the job and ushered in a new partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation T.E.R.O. by offering to hire tribal members as permanent full time employees.

October

Obama visits UW-Madison

October 4, 2012, President Barack Obama visited the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus to campaign for a second term as the U.S. President. The president spoke for nearly a half an hour about how he wants to lead America on the UW's Bascom Hill before 30,000 voters.

Wittenberg group makes effort to recognize, deter suicide in community

Suicide is a subject most people don't want to think about, let alone talk about. That is why approaching the subject can be, and has been, rather touchy. The staff at the Wittenberg Youth Center recognized suicide as a subject that needs addressing, and set their sights on bringing the subject out into the open.



John Holst (left) presents a check for \$10,000 to Aaron Andres, middle and high school activities director, for the athletic field improvements. Also pictured are Jon and Stephanie Warner, officials with the Baraboo Soccer Club, who helped raise money for the project.

Ho-Chunk Nation provides donation to Baraboo schools

The Ho-Chunk Nation has made a \$10,000 donation to the athletic field improvements of Baraboo Middle and High School. District 2 Representative John Holst presented the check to Aaron Andres, Baraboo middle and high school activities director, on Sept. 28. The donation will help with the second part of the track and field development, specifically used to build a new press box and stadium raised bleachers on the west side of the soccer and football field.

Sharyn Steele produces Independent film, Lumpy

Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Sharyn Steele has followed her passion in producing the independent film, Lumpy. Lumpy is the first film she has produced.

The Heartland RV Tour stops at Tribal Office

The Heartland RV Tour made a stop at the Tribal Office Building on Thursday, October 18, to gain support for the Obama-Biden campaign. The tour has been making stops at campuses and other location throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest.

Two Gaming Commissioners sworn in

On October 10, 2012, Kyle Funmaker and Marilyn LaMere were sworn in as Gaming Commissioners by Associate Judge Amanda Rockman at the Tribal Office Building.



Sharyn Steele producer of independent film, Lumpy

November

Ho-Chunk Police Department swears-in new Police Chief and Patrolman

On October 26, the Ho-Chunk Nation swore in Earl Lemieux as Chief of Police and Zack Quackenbush as the police department's first Patrol man.



Newly sworn in police during an honor song/dance with Ho-Chunk Nation officials.

Whiteagle sentenced for role in bribery scandal

Tim Whiteagle, Ho-Chunk member convicted of a bribery scandal, was sentenced Oct. 24 in federal court to 10 years in prison with an addition three years of extended supervision.

He also was ordered to pay \$162,854 restitution to the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid taxes.

Inspiration for change provided at Journey of Hope Conference

Learning to cope with diabetes has many facets, something that people gain through knowledge, dedication and encouragement. Those aspects were provided Nov. 8 and 9 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo.

Ho-Chunk Nation opens a Green Bay Branch Office

On November 5, the Ho-Chunk Nation opened a branch office in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The new office is located at 1047 9th Street, formerly an auto repair shop and about one mile from Lambeau Field. This is the first branch office for the Green Bay area.

Peace & Dignity Journey leads to gift exchange

On November 16, Ho-Chunk tribal elder and Traditional Court-Eagle Clan leader, Preston Thompson, hosted a ceremony to exchange gifts with Guatemalan spiritual leaders.

Thompson opened up his home to the hosts of the Guatemalan leaders to have the ceremony.

Bronson Koenig signs national letter of intent

On November 14, Bronson Koenig, Ho-Chunk tribal member and La Crosse Aquinas point guard, signed his national letter of intent to play basketball for the Wisconsin Badgers. Koenig is Rivals.com #14 point guard in the nation for the 2013. Bronson is the son of Paul Koenig and Ethel Funmaker.



Bronson Koenig, joined by his parents Paul Koenig and Ethel Funmaker, signs his national letter of intent to play basketball for the Wisconsin Badgers.

Will Decorah finishes high school football career at Camp Randall

Will Decorah, Ho-Chunk tribal member and starting quarterback for the Waunakee Warriors, finished his high school football career at Camp Randall playing in the Division II WIAA State Championship game. Will is the son of Tim and Sarah Decorah and the grandson of Wayne and the late Renee (Thundercloud) Decorah.

Wittenberg youth elected to national position

A Wittenberg Ho-Chunk youth has achieved national recognition. Skyler Bourdon, son of April LaMere-Bourdon and Scott Bourdon, was elected as Male Member at Large for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

December

Homeless in Ho-Chunk Country

Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer, members of his staff, Directors, Legislators and concerned citizens gathered in Milwaukee at the Potawatomi Casino to discuss the Ho-Chunk Nation's homeless situation. This housing summit was called "Ending Homelessness in Ho-Chunk Country."

Miner named First Nations Composers Initiative executive director

Kristopher "Kohl" Miner recently accepted the position of Interim Executive Director for the Minneapolis based non-profit organization First Nations Composers Initiative, based in Minneapolis.

First Nations Composers Initiative is dedicated to the creation of and promotion of American Indian music and musical traditions in all of its forms.

Ho-Chunk Gaming donates to Unmet Needs Program

A check for \$1,000 from Ho-Chunk Gaming was donated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Unmet Needs Program on Dec. 7. This is the fourth year in a row Ho-Chunk Gaming has made such a donation.



From the Hocak Worak Staff

The Children's Trust Fund Task Force

Dear Tribal members,

The Children's Trust Task Force was created by Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 8-31-10C to update the Old Kent Agreement to protect the Ho-Chunk Nation Minor Trust and Adult Incompetent and to further publish a request for proposals to competitively bid vendors to assist and provide update and competitive services for the Minor Trust and Adult Incompetents Accounts. The Task Force is further authorized to propose updates/changes to the Per Capita Ordinance.

Published here are some highlights from the results of the written surveys that were provided to adults aged 18-30 regarding the minor trust funds and adult incompetent trust funds in the summer of 2012. A total of 1,844 surveys were mailed and 466 responded achieving a 25%

survey response.

These results provided the statistical data for the Ho-Chunk Nation to update the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance to benefit the future minor's trust fund allocation.

The Nation's Enrollment Office tracks all graduation rates and has provided the following data: In 1998, the Nation had 8 high school graduates. This was when the Nation's only requirement was to turn 18 years old.

In July of 2001, the Per Capita Ordinance was restated to mandate a High School Diploma. As a result, in 2002, the Nation had 87 high school graduates. * The high school graduation rates continue to maintain or increase. In 2010, the Nation had 123 high school graduates. Presently, the Nation enjoys an 88% high school graduation rate as of 2012.

The following information is a brief summary from the 2012 survey results

1. The survey responses overwhelmingly provided that a lump sum payout for a high school graduate is too difficult to manage and that the minor trust should be staggered into smaller payments spread out over a stretched period of time so it can last longer.

2. Many felt that they were too young and immature to properly manage a substantial amount of money.

3. A large number of respondents wanted to require classes for financial management and/or investment classes prior to payouts.

4. The respondents wanted a home ownership and budgetary home ownership classes to be in place prior to any payout.

5. The respondents raised concerns that more programs

need to be in place to support college attendance right after graduation.

6. The respondents provided that a minor needs more protection from family and friends when loaning money out. Approximately 46% of the respondents lent out \$5,000 or more. Unfortunately, 90% responses stated that loans to family and friends were never paid back.

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Note that the survey results contained comments addressing the above issues that were too voluminous to summarize in this article but garnered enough concern to be published at a later date.

In conclusion, the best approach to organizing minor trust fund per capita distribution payment programs might be to consider what type of design or structure would most likely maximize potential

positive impacts on future tribal leaders and minimize potential negative impacts. Some characteristics in minor trust funds to consider are:

- Size: smaller payouts tend to have more positive impacts; and

- Age of recipient, unrestricted funds received at a young age have the potential for creating more powerful impacts on a person than funds received somewhat later in life, when education and work goals are more firmly established; and

- Conditions placed on receipt of funds, satisfy some requirement before receiving funds (completing high school, college, financial education resources, cultural education, etc) is more likely to create positive impacts.

Respectfully submitted by,
The Children's Trust Fund Task Force

FSA offers low interest farm storage facility loans

Submitted by Julie Dokkestul, Jackson County Farm Service Agency

The Jackson County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers who may be considering upgrading or adding extra storage space for harvested crops next year that the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program provides low interest loans for building or upgrading storage facilities.

Filing an application early will ensure the project is completed in time before next summer or fall when additional storage may be needed.

The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL has increased to \$500,000 per structure. Loan terms of seven, 10 or 12 years are now available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each loan term are different and currently range from 1.125 percent to 1.875 percent however interest rates change monthly. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is locked in for the length of the loan.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL

must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables – cold storage facilities, but not freezers

For more information about FSFL, please contact the Jackson County FSA Office at 715-284-4515 or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

Snowmobile trails on Conservation Reserve Program acreage must receive approval

Submitted by Julie Dokkestul, Jackson County Farm Service Agency

The Wisconsin Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners that snowmobile trails must be approved by FSA before being permitted on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage. An annual request must be made for any new trails as well as for existing trails or trails that have been used in the past.

The Jackson FSA county committee determines whether or not snowmobile trails are allowed to cross acreage enrolled in CRP and will ask for a map with the trail highlighted to determine if the use would have any impact on the planted cover.

If this affects any of your CRP acreage, contact the Jackson County FSA Office at 715-284-4515 to request this particular use prior to allowing a trail on your CRP land.

SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Michael A. Funmaker, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-79

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Michael A. Funmaker

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Anson White Eagle, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-74

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Anson White Eagle

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Capital One Bank USA NA FKA
Capital One Bank A Foreign Corporation, Petitioner, v. Devin Funmaker,
Respondent. Case : 12-122

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Devin Funmaker

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SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin & Eau Claire County Child Support Agency, Petitioner,
v. Duana F. Link, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-81

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Duana F. Link

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING – BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI DECEMBER 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Jon Greendeer (P)
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (EX)
Rep. Susan Weber (10-06)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (EX)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (10-04)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER:

Ms. Jeanine Heffner offered a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:04 a.m.

Rep. Susan Weber arrives at 10:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the November 27, 2012, Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections on page 1 and page 11, item should be "SDPI"; page 9, third Read for the Record correct spelling of "travel"; page 10, first motion under District 5 should be referred to the Office of the President; page 11, first Read for the Record is for the Enrollment Committee. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **6-5(Reps. Whiteabbit, Greendeer, Cloud, Littlejohn, Red Eagle)-0 Motion Carried.**

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to amend the agenda and add District 4 Tribal Member Request and address first under Unfinished Business. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**
MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to amend the agenda and add item f. Barofsky Report under Unfinished Business. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the November 28, 2012 Finance Committee Meeting minutes with correction on page 2, second to last sentence strike the wording "Marketing and other Executive" and add the words "some of" after the word "for"; page 8, last motion to strike the wording, "and to approve the cost for the jerseys in the amount of \$303.53"; Rep. Visintin is excused at 3:40 p.m. before District 3, Desmond Mike, Property Tax Request. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9-0-2(Reps. Weber, Smith) Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

District 4 Tribal Member Request:
A District 4 Tribal Member had a concern regarding the minutes for the District 4 Area Meeting and the Open Meeting Act and enforcement of being banned.

FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Visintin stated to President Greendeer, "Like I said at the last Legislative meeting, it was not because of what was being said, it was because of the behavior that was going on. It is under the Open Meeting Act and yes there is a tape and please listen to the tape and do your due diligence as you said you were going to".

Code of Ethics:

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to table the Code of Ethics agenda item for review of comments. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Head Start Program Grant Application:

This resolution is that the Ho-Chunk Legislature supports the Head Start Program as it applies for a grant of federal funds to implement its goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12A In Support of Head Start Grant Application. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Native American Director Home Loan Memorandum of Understanding:

This resolution is that the Legislature approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nation and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Secretary Veterans Affairs, include the name of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and to indicate tribal court jurisdiction. That the Nation's Tribally Designated Housing Entity provide assistance in the maintenance of the Memorandum of Understanding as necessary.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12B Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ho-Chunk

Nation and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for Native American Direct Home Loans. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) Resolutions:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to table the Special Diabetes Program for Indians Resolution. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-1(Rep. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

Lynwood:

Vice President Greg Blackdeer is going to Lynwood next week to meet with the realtor. No new developments since last week's session.

Barofsky Report:

Mr. Barofsky is waiting on a report from the architect and then plans to present a full report.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to hold Mr. Barofsky's payment until the Legislature receives his report. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **8-1(Rep. Littlejohn)-2(Rep. Cloud, Red Eagle) Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Amended & Restated Resolutions Prohibiting HCN from Engaging in Business with Tom Schrade & Associates:
This resolution is that the Legislature also prohibits any business conducted by the Nation and/or its officials to involve any people, corporations, boards or other businesses that have or have had any involvement or association with Mr. Tom Schrade.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12C Prohibiting the Ho-Chunk Nation from Engaging with Tom Schrade, or any Directors, Officers, Employees or Agents of Golden Nickel Casino's Inc., Gaming Corporation of America, Dells Development Corporation or any other Past or Present Individuals, Affiliates, Boards, Corporations or Businesses in any Business or Business Development Involving the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

2013 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program:

This resolution is that the Legislature approves the submission of an application for the 2013 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program authorized by Wis. Stat. 165.91 for the purpose of funding tribal law enforcement operations including the activities of the Ho-Chunk Law Enforcement Commission.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12D Approval of Application for 2013 Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County:

This resolution is that the Legislature supports the CY2013 Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement between Shawano County and the Ho-Chunk Nation for the purpose of developing and establishing a cooperative law enforcement program between the Shawano County Sheriff's Department and other applicable local law enforcement organization and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to table the Approval of the CY2013 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County resolution until after lunch. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Addendum to Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County:

There was a clerical error in the Monroe County Law Enforcement Agreement and need to add paragraph with the wording, "The parties agree that the Monroe County Sheriff's Department Liaison Officer will notify the Ho-Chunk Chief of Police of any major activity requiring administrative notification, occurring on Ho-Chunk lands".

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to table the Addendum to the Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County until after lunch for a resolution. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Authorizing Opening of Cash Management Services Account:

This resolution is that the Legislature authorizes the Nation's Treasury Department to open the following cash management services account with Key Bank, National Association: "Health Clinic – Black River Falls" to use as a transaction account.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12E Authorizing Opening of Cash Management Services Account with Key Bank. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-0-1(Rep. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

Indirect Cost Proposal Submission:

This resolution is that the Legislature authorizes the Nation's Department of Treasury to complete the Indirect Cost Rate Proposal for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and to submit the same to the appropriate federal authorities.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-

04-12F Submission of Indirect Cost Rate Proposal. Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-1(Rep. Weber) Motion Carried.**

Check Signing Resolution:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to table the Check Signing Resolution until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **10-0-1(Rep. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

Frac Sand Mining Concern:

Mr. Randy Poelma and Ms. April Schoolcraft presented a power point on frac sand mining to the Legislature. There is concern from Tribal Members regarding frac sand mining and the Legislature would like to have resolutions drafted in opposition to frac sand mining to be adopted this afternoon.

RECESS:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 12:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jon Greendeer called the meeting back to order at 1:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Jon Greendeer (P)
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (EX)
Rep. Susan Weber (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (EX)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (1:25)
Rep. John Holst (1:22)
Rep. Hope Smith (1:22)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (1:20)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum is established.

RE-VISITED NEW BUSINESS:

Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County:

This resolution is that the Legislature supports the CY2013 Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement between Shawano County and the Ho-Chunk Nation for the Purpose of developing and establishing a cooperative law enforcement program between the Shawano County Sheriff's Department and other applicable local law enforcement organizations and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12G Approval of the CY2013 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Rep. Patrick Red Eagle arrives at 1:20 p.m.

Addendum to Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County:

This resolution is that the Legislature supports the Addendum to the CY2013 Cooperative County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement between Monroe County and the Ho-Chunk Nation and add the paragraph with the wording, "The parties agree that the Monroe County Sheriff's Department Liaison Officer will notify the Ho-Chunk Chief of Police of any major activity requiring administrative notification occurring on Ho-Chunk lands".

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12H Approval of the Addendum to the CY2013 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Monroe County. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to add Workgroup Travel under item i. Travel Approval. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **5-1(Rep. Littlejohn)-2(Reps. Whiteabbit, Cloud) Motion Carried.**

Travel Approval:
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to deny the travel approval for NAFOPA in Washington D.C. as did not notice the meeting was today. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Reps. John Holst and Hope Smith arrive at 1:22 p.m.

Workgroup Travel:
Rep. Susan Weber wanted to know about standing motions for workgroup travel or is a motion needed every time we travel out of State for these appointed workgroups.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:
MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to add Separation of Business from Government and address next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Rep. Jim Greendeer arrives at 1:25 p.m.

Separation of Business from Government:
This resolution is that the Legislature rescinds Resolution 11-27-121 in order to allow continued review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, knowing that any Bureau approval still requires final ratification by the Legislature. The Legislature reaffirms and restates Resolution 9-25-120, approving the Section 17 Charter for Twelve Clans Incorporated and approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-121 Rescission of resolution 11-27-121 and

Restatement of Resolution 09-25-120 Concerning Approval of Charter for Ho-Chunk Nation Section 17 Corporation. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. **6-2(Reps. Estebo, Weber)-3(Reps. Greendeer, Two Bears, Holst) Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to have the Charter for Ho-Chunk Nation Section 17 Corporation placed on the website on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **9-2(Reps. Two Bears, Weber)-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to authorize a special edition in the Worak about Separation of Business from Government. Second by Rep. Jim Greendeer. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District Concerns:

A Tribal Member had a concern as to why some of the District Meeting motions for General Council resolutions were read for the record and no action was taken.

RE-VISITED NEW BUSINESS:

Frac Sand Mining Resolutions:
This resolution is that the Nation is oppose to frac sand mining due to the concerns regarding the environmental and public health impacts. The Nation shall oppose frac sand mining on the National, State, Regional, and Local level, as necessary to protect the interests of the Nation, its Territory and People.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12J In Opposition to Frac Sand Mining. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

This resolution is that the Nation opposes the request by Croell Redi-Mix for a conditional use permit, and any future effort to engage in frac sand mining in Jackson County or any nearby county. The Nation requests that Jackson County deny any request by Croell Redi-Mix for any activity related to frac sand mining and notify the Nation of any future matter scheduled for hearing or consideration by Jackson County in relation to frac sand mining.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 12-04-12K Opposition to Frac Sand Mining Operations of Croell Redi-Mix and Related Jackson County Conditional Use Permit Approval. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Jim Greendeer. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

The meeting went into Executive Session at 1:36 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

(Rep. Holst out of the room). The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10-0-1(Rep. Holst) Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to have the President provide a commendation letter to Mr. Kevin Fitzgibbon of Housing & Urban Development, as Mr. Fitzgibbon will be retiring on December 28, 2012. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to amend the agenda and add Whyte, Hirschboeck, Dudek to address Beloit. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Beloit:

Mr. Tom Springer, Whyte, Hirschboeck, Dudek, was present to follow up on discussion of the press release from an Anti-Indian casino group that was aimed at the Ho-Chunk Nation. This press release had a number of items that were incorrect. There was a press release that went out from the Office of the President on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting with the next meeting to take place at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary
Vicki Shisler, Recording Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING – BLACK
RIVER FALLS, WI
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Jon Greendeer (P)
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (10:05)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (EX)
Rep. Andrea Estebo (P)

Rep. James Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (10:10)
Rep. Hope Smith (EX)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit (10:03)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum is established.

OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Greg Littlejohn asked for a moment of silence.
Rep. Whiteabbit arrives at 10:03 a.m.
Rep. Weber arrives at 10:05 a.m.

Rep. Holst arrives at 10:10 a.m.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

Separation of Business from Government:
Michael Murphy went over a power point during the session on the Nation's history for Separation of Business from Government.

There was discussion on the following questions asked by the Tribal Membership:

- Was stipends and mileage paid to Legislators for these Separation of Business from Government Meetings?

- What did Johnson Strategy Group say about Separation of Business from Government?

- Was the 2003 General Council resolution considered as part of the charter?

- Why was this not taken to the areas as soon as considered working on the Separation of Business from Government again?

- Where does the Department of Business fall under - the Corporation or Executive Branch?

- What if the General Council had been given options?

- Were loans and their stipulations considered when developing the charter?

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to appropriate funds from the Professional Services line item to have a special edition in the Worak on Separation of Business from Government on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. **6-0-5(Reps. Estebo, Weber, Two Bears, Whiteabbit, V.P. Blackdeer) Motion Defeated.**

NOTE: This motion was defeated as need a 2/3 vote on emergency basis motions.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiteabbit to refer to the Finance Committee to seek funding for a Special Edition in the Worak on Separation of Business from Government. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Marlon WhiteEagle stated there was an article in the Worak before and gave a brief description of what was in the article.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Mr. Dennis Funnmaker would like to be noted for the record. He is not sure who came up with 12 Clans name for the corporation. Question was why? Making a mockery of the 12 clan system, don't do it. The way things are right now, regarding this charter, he would vote no. This is cause of some of the comments made here and secret meetings, doing things in executive session without notice. This is on his mind. The whole thing sounds suspicious. The make-up of the board, according to the qualifications not one Ho-Chunk would be on that board. No Ho-Chunk input on the board and sounds more suspicious and why hiring over qualified people. There is a saying that some things are too good to be true. I would kind of go along with that, as this sounds too good making \$80,000 per month doesn't believe it one bit. He would like to be convinced of how you are going to do this. This charter should be void and work on some more and be more up front with the people and this is not happening. The other things that is very doubtful that we will not be paying income taxes. If there is a letter get from IRS this corporation not pay any taxes he might go along with it.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber that before ratification of the Section 17 Charter of Corporation that a special General Council be held within sixty days from receipt of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Rep. Cloud is excused at 12:25 p.m.

There was discussion regarding what the President's thoughts were on the Section 17 Charter of Corporation.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to have a special meeting to go over the Charter on January 4, 2012. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting with the next Legislative Meeting to be in Milwaukee, WI. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. **10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary
Vicki Shisler, Recording Secretary

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Judicare staff and Students from the UW Law School will be at the following locations to assist **anyone** who wants to draft a will, powers of attorney, and other basic estate planning services for **free**.

January 15th, Wisconsin Dells, House of Wellness- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**January 16th- Black River Falls, Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building-
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

January 17th- Nekoosa Community Center- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January 18th- Madison, WI. City-County Building, 3rd Floor- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information contact Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638

March dates for Bayfield, Odanah, Lac du Flambeau, Hayward, Crandon, Keshena, Oneida, and Milwaukee to be announced soon.

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E-mail: rachel.montana@ho-chunk.com



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8th & 22nd
FEBRUARY
5th & 19th**

(OR AS NEEDED BY APPOINTMENT)

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Community Health Nurse Judy
715-253-3820 or 715-893-3075



HHCDA

Next Monthly Board Meeting

January 24, 2012

6:00 PM

HHCDA Office, 1116 Monowau Street,
Tomah WI 54660

Board:

Lee Brown Jr. – Amos Kingsley
Colin Carrimon – Francis Decorah
Martin Littlewolf Jr. – John Dall
Leonard Walker – Cheri Byhre
Terrence Johnson – Gerald Cleveland
Lisa Stroessner

Agenda items due by Friday January 18th to
The Board Secretary at 1-800-236-2260

NOTICE

Please be sure to verify your address on the front of your last per capita check. This is the address that is on record with the Enrollment Department. Most importantly this is the address your 1099-MISC will be mailed to.

If the address is not your current address, you will need to contact the Enrollment Department at (715)284-9343 extension 1015.

The 1099s will be mailed from the Tribal Office Building no later than January 31, 2013. Please do not call the Treasury or the Payroll Department before February 1st to ask when they will be mailed.

When you receive your 1099 put it in a safe place where you will remember where it is. Please do not contact the Payroll Department before February 15th to request a 1099 reprint. To do so, submit a written request with your signature to the Payroll Department by mail or fax. Include your full name, your tribal ID number or your social security number and your current address. There is a \$5 reprint fee for all 1099 reprints.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor TERO and 477 Program

TERO and 477 are hosting CDL classes again

You must register with the 477 Program before you can attend

Contact a Case Manager for more details

In cooperation with CVTC, TERO and 477 are holding a CDL class beginning February 4, 2013. Space will be limited and you must pass some pre-qualifications to attend.

You must pass a DOT Physical and Drug Test AND

You Must obtain a "Class A" learners permit WITH Air Brake and Passenger endorsements BEFORE class begins. (A prep class will be held on January 15th for those who have passed the medical screening)

Classes will be in the Black River Falls Area and some class days will run from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Must have these requirements done or obtained by the time class starts.

*Background checks will be made to determine any disqualifications (ex. Felonies, driving history, personal health, etc..)

CONTACT A CASE MANAGER FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS

CALL 715-284-5877

**Seaman BM.
Trenton Hawke Littlegeorge
Maazimaṇiga**



Graduated from Basic Training November 2, 2012 and completed A-School December 20, 2012 both at Great Lakes Navy Base. He will be stationed at Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he will be working with a E.O.D. Unit.

Best wishes for a bright future, we are very proud of you "Handsome".

Ken Littlegeorge Jr. Family

Cobell settlement payments arrive for many Ho-Chunk members

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Many Ho-Chunk members had a little extra money to buy Christmas presents this year.

Checks from the \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement began arriving a week before Christmas to Native Americans across the country. For many Native Americans, the typical check was for \$1,000, although some people will get additional amounts based on how much revenue was received in their accounts.

The late Elouise Cobell, Blackfeet member and lead plaintiff, began the case in 1996, arguing that the Interior Department mismanaged billions of dollars in Indian trust funds and accounts.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar when he announced that the federal government was releasing funds designated for the approximately 350,000 Indian

class members affected by the \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement.

"With the settlement now final, we can put years of discord behind us and start a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship," Salazar said in a press release. "Today marks another historic step forward in President Obama's agenda of reconciliation and empowerment for Indian country and begins a new era of trust administration."

Obama also released his own statement hailing the end of the contentious case and settlement.

"I welcome the final approval of the Cobell settlement agreement, clearing the way for reconciliation between the trust beneficiaries and the federal government," the president said. "While Elouise Cobell, the named plaintiff in this case is no longer with us, her legacy will be a renewed commitment to our trust relationship with

Indian country. I thank her for her honorable work, and also want to thank the leaders at the Departments of the Interior, Justice and Treasury who helped reach this conclusion."

Cobell passed away in October 2011 after battling cancer.

Included in the \$3.4 billion settlement is a \$1.9 billion set-aside for the Interior Department to start a land consolidation program that will allow for the voluntary sale of individual land interests that have fractionated, or split among owners, over years of complex federal policy.

Lawyers for the Cobell plaintiffs will receive approximately \$100 million under the deal.

The rest of the money – \$1.5 billion, less lawyers' fees – will be divided among the Indian class members.

Kickapoo Valley Reserve WINTER FESTIVAL January 12, 2013

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

• Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center (VC) & Exhibits open

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

• Natural History Ice Caves Presentation – Chuck Hatfield: VC Class Room

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

• NEW! Ho-Chunk Traditional Songs by East Fork Singers in Ciproke (round dwelling): Top of Each Hour

• Sand, Snow or Slide Carving – Martino Studios: Northeast of VC

• Horse-drawn Wagon Rides – Short scenic route: West of VC

• Mutt Sled Ride – You bring the dog and child, we provide the sled & harness:

North of VC Parking Lot

• All Ages Archery: East of VC

• Concessions: VC Meeting Room

• Kettle Corn Vendor – The Kettle Corn House: East of VC

• Snowshoe Exhibit – Ken & Michelle Workowski of The Nature of Things: VC Deck

• Games and Activities: North of VC Parking Lot

10:30 AM – 11:30 PM

• Birds of Prey – Dan Hazlett: VC Deck

• NEW! Flintknapping Workshop – Jack "Blueberry Jack" Larson: VC Class Room

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

• Natural History Ice Cave Guided Hike (difficult hiking, steep, slippery, etc.) – Chuck Hatfield: Meet on VC deck for overview & carpool coordination.

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

• Face Painting for Kids – La Farge High School Art Students: VC Lobby

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

• Chili & Bread Contest Sampling – La Farge Lions Club: VC Exhibit Area. Chili

Rules & Bread Rules

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

• NEW! Winter Wildlife Presentation – David Drake, UW-Madison Professor: VC Class Room

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

• Children's Stories & Craft (3-6 yrs w/parent) – Meaghan Gustafson: VC Library

1:00 – 2:30 PM

• Kickapoo Quick & Silent Auction – Bid on Kickapoo Valley goods & services. Proceeds benefit the KVR Education & Events Program: VC Lobby

• Chili and Bread Winners Announced

2:30 – 3:00 PM

• Beaver Habitat Presentation (difficult hiking, steep, slippery, etc.) – Chuck Hatfield: VC Exhibit Area

• NEW! Flintknapping Workshop – Jack "Blueberry Jack" Larson: VC Class Room

3:00 – 4:30 PM

• Beaver Habitat Hike – Chuck Hatfield: Meet on VC deck for overview & carpool coordination.

4:30 – 7:00 PM @ La Farge Community Center

• Family Square Dance & Dinner sponsored by Driftless Folk School. Admission \$5/ person or \$10 per family. Food purchased ala carte.

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ Wildcat Mountain State Park

• Candlelight Hike/Ski – Torch lit trails, warming fires and hot chocolate

• Winter Astronomy – Viewing and interpretation of the night sky

January Elders Birthdays

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| 1. Francis Decorah | 16. Sharon Whitebear |
| 2. Marlene Cleveland | Joyce White Eagle |
| 4. David Radtke | 17. Edward Whitewater |
| 5. Marion White | Sharon Harrison |
| Joann Jones | Peggy Crowley |
| Robert Goze | 18. Sidney Lewis |
| 6. Roy Cassiman | 19. Truman Lowe |
| 7. Carolyn White Eagle | Charlene Steele |
| Cecelia Lonetree | 20. Michael Goze |
| Phyllis Amendariz | Sara Abbott |
| 8. Ona Garvin | 22. Barbara Pierce |
| Bonnie Hanson | 23. Michael Day |
| 9. Betty White | 24. Franceita Decorah |
| Beverly Whitewing | 25. Beulah Sayers |
| 10. Janice Goldman | Nela Stacy |
| Douglas Greengrass | Julia Little Wolf |
| 11. Patricia Filipowicz | 26. Gary Hall |
| 12. Frank Pettibone | Wilbert Cleveland |
| Benjamin Decorah | Elaine Nakai |
| 14. Fred Decorah | Myrna Thompson |
| Hattie Walker | 28. Hazel Shegonee |
| Roberta Decorah | Berna Big Thunder- |
| 15. Cleo Mountain | Hindsley |
| Joanne La Mere | 29. Nadine Sieber |

NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS** and the Election Ordinance 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

- (1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e, above.
- (2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates) tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election.
- (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Ordinance and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:

LEGISLATURE

District 1:

Seat 1

Seat 3

July 2013 – June 2017

District 2:

Seat 2

Seat 3

July 2013 – June 2017

District 3:

Seat 2

July 2013 – June 2017

District 5:

At-Large

Seat 1

Seat 3

Seat 4

July 2013 – June 2017

SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice

Six (6) Year Term

July 2013 – June 2019

Associate Justice 1

Four (4) Year Term

July 2013 – June 2017

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on Friday, January 4, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 6e of the Election Ordinance which states, "...candidates have resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy... Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address Verification Forms.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See *Election Board Ordinance Sec. 9 (6)*.

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES: Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Page 20 Section 2, (Deadline, Wednesday, February 13, 2013).

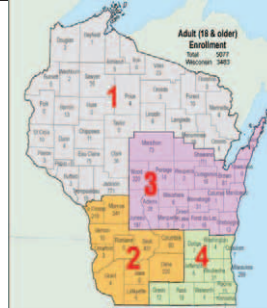
Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O. Box 756
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER (715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Wednesday, February 13, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Friday, March 1, 2013 by 4:00 P.M. See *Election Board Ordinance, Page 13, sec. 11 a(1)* Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS Next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts. District 5 all areas outside the state of Wisconsin



Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, December 10, 2012

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Sunday, February 3, 2013

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM
Wednesday, February 13, 2013

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Friday, March 1, 2013 @ 4:00 PM

GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, June 4, 2013

POLLING PLACES:

OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

•BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
HHCA
INDIAN MISSION
715/284-8900

•TOMAH, WI
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
358 EOS ROAD
608/372-4547

•LACROSSE, WI
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608/783-6025

•BARABOO, WI
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
52845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608/355-1254

•WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715/886-5444

•WITTENBERG, WI
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD
715/253-3536

•CHICAGO, IL
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
5744 W IRVING PARK RD
773/202-8433

•MILWAUKEE, WI
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414/747-8680

•ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE
1821 UNIVERSITY AVE.
Suite 409 N
651/641-1801

•MADISON, WI
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
1320 MENDOTA STREET
608/277-9741
608/277-9964

•WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
INDIAN HEIGHTS BLDG.
N9557 DYER AVENUE
715/299-6104

•GREEN BAY, WI
BRANCH OFFICE
1047 9th STREET
920/360-1898